

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

April 10, 2000

The Honorable Ron Packard, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
2362B Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Packard:

We are writing to request your support for an appropriation in Fiscal Year 2001 of \$6,861,000 included in the Administration's proposed budget for the Bureau of Reclamation within an item labeled "Endangered Species Recovery Programs and Activities for the Upper Colorado River Region." Of that amount, the sum of \$4,887,000, is designated for expenditure on construction activities associated with the Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Fish Species in the Upper Colorado River Basin (Upper Basin Program), and \$1,394,000 is designated for the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program (San Juan Program).

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The Honorable Ralph Regula, Chairman
The Honorable Norm Dicks, Ranking Minority Member
Interior Subcommittee
House Appropriations Committee
B308 Rayburn Office Building
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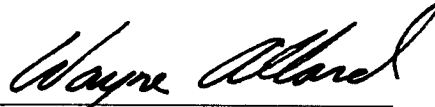
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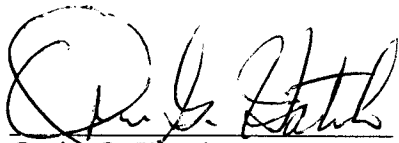
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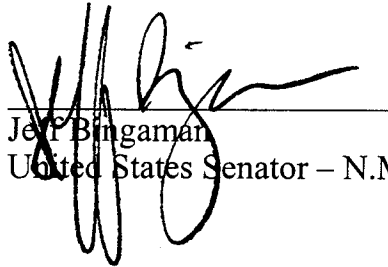
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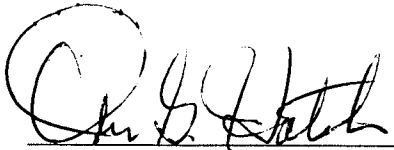
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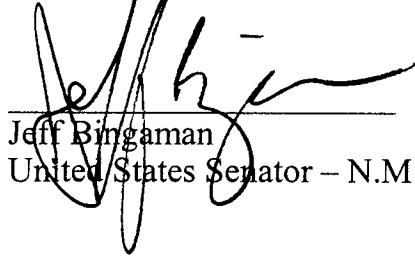
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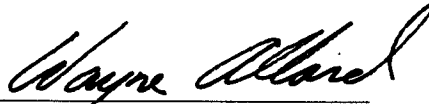
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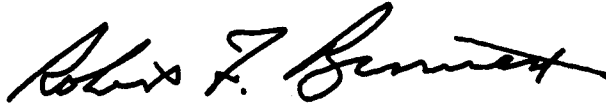
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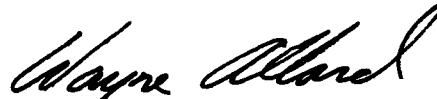
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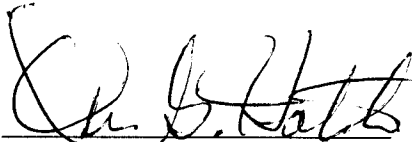
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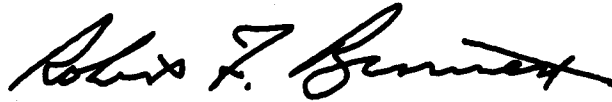
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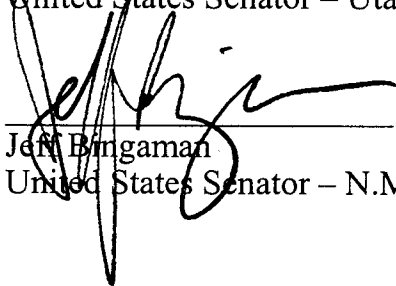
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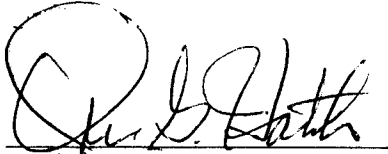
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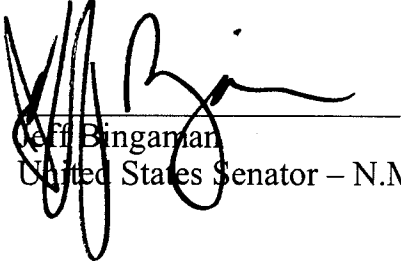
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cc: The Honorable Jim Geringer
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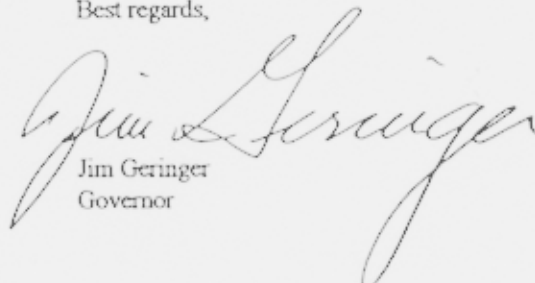
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1. That the Subcommittee support the appropriation of \$706,000 in recovery funds to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to meet its funding commitment to the Upper Basin Recovery Program. This is the amount requested in the FY 2001 budget proposal and is approximately the same amount requested in previous years.
2. That the Subcommittee support the continued base funding in fiscal year 2001 of \$327,000 for the FWS (Fisheries Activity; Hatchery O&M Subactivity) to operate endangered fish propagation facilities at the Oquirrh National Fish Hatchery in Utah as requested in the budget proposal.
3. That the Subcommittee support the appropriation of \$106,000 requested in the budget for the San Juan Recovery Program.

To provide for the continued success of these multi-state, multi-agency programs, we need the help of the Subcommittee again this year to ensure that FWS is given adequate funds for recovery of the endangered fishes in the Upper Colorado River Basin and San Juan River Basin. We are thankful for your past support and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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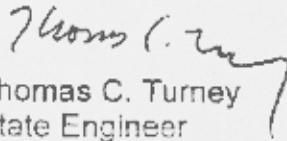
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